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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON JET AIRCRAFT OVERFLIGHT

1. MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OGILVY BERLOUIS REQUESTED CHARGE MEET WITH HIM APR 03 TO DISCUSS APPARENT OVERFLIGHT OF SEYCHELLES ISLANDS OF MAHE AND PRASLIN BY "JET FIGHTERS" AT 2300 APRIL 02. ACCORDING BERLOUIS, PRESIDENT RENE, ON BOARD GOS VESSEL 500 MILES SW OF VICTORIA, CONTACTED HIM AT ABOUT 2200 APRIL 02 TO REPORT VISUAL SIGHTING OF TWO MILITARY JET AIRCRAFT HEADING IN DIRECTION OF MAHE AND FLYING AT LOW ALTITUDE. BERLOUIS CLAIMS TO HAVE PERSONALLY OBSERVED ONE AIRCRAFT OVER MAHE AND HAD RECEIVED REPORTS THAT "FIVE OR SIX" PLANES FLEW OVER PRASLIN.

2. BERLOUIS SAID HE HAD CONTACTED FRENCH AND SOVIET EMBASSIES IN EFFORT ASCERTAIN NATIONALITY OF AIRCRAFT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CHARGE RESPONDED HE UNAWARE OF ANY USN VESSELS PRESENTLY IN VICINITY OF SEYCHELLES AND THAT HAD USN OPERATED AIRCRAFT NEAR SEYCHELLES, U.S. WOULD HAVE REQUESTED OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. BERLOUIS ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION FROM "NAVAL AUTHORITIES" THAT AIRCRAFT INVOLVED WERE NOT U.S., ADDING HE WAS MAKING  
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SAME REQUEST OF FRENCH AND SOVIETS.

3. ADVISE.

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